Diversion of PMGSY funds

†4486. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that massive funds have been provided to the States by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) whether it is also a fact that States have spent the same for other purposes following which desired results could not be achieved and the same has also been reported to have been diverted for payment of salary at various places; and

(c) the State-wise details thereof and the number of new roads constructed district-wise and the number of roads repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) Allocations of Rs. 2435 crore and Rs. 2489.73 crore have been released to the State/Union Territories for the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for taking up road works relating to New Connectivity/Upgradation. Repair of roads are not permitted under the Programme. No specific instances of diversion of funds have so far come to light.

2. The road works cleared in the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 are in various stages of execution and are expected, by and large, to be completed by June, 2002 and December, 2002 respectively. District-wise information in respect of new roads constructed is being compiled.

Development of Wasteland

4487. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme for storing surplus water in every village from monsoon rivers in the country for the use of agricultural and human consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Department of Land Resources in Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three major Watershed Development Programmes namely, Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) on watershed basis. These programmes aim at *in-situ* soil amd moisture conservation measures including afforestation, construction of check dams, contour bunds and development of pasture lands, accelerated regeneration of bio-mass etc, Thus, each and every drop of water including that of monsoon rains is to be conserved so that the water precipitating in the village remains within the village and within the fields remains within the field itself as far as possible and rivers, tanks and ponds are not silted up and over flooded, The Department has also taken initiative for restoration of traditional water sources by desiltation of ponds and tanks at village level. This will not only help in effective water harvesting but also enchancing the capacity of traditional water sources and thereby making more water available for agricultural and human consumption.

Publication of Directory of Rural Technology

4488. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Rural Development has published the Directory of Rural Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Directory has been made available throughout the country in rural areas;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.